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(S) On February 8, PolChief delivered subject demarche to Laura Kansikas-Debrais, Director of the Finnish MFA's Unit for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation. Kansikas-Debrais told PolChief that the GOF has no evidence of any contact between the Iranian entity Ghoods Aviation Industries and any Finnish firm. However, she did note that she has become aware, through MTCR channels, that Ghoods has approached some MTCR Partner countries. She assured us that if such contact were to occur, Finland's concern about the volatile situation in Iran would ensure deep suspicion toward any potential sale to Ghoods and an almost certain denial of export license from her office. HYATT